

This proposal makes sense. Removing Element exam for General Class, and leaving it in place for the Extra Class will be the least disruptive for all involved. The no-code proponents get the voice privileges they want, and the people who seek to keep code as a requirement for licensing get to keep the requirement for one license class.

No current licensee will receive credit for any element they did not test for, and no licensee loses any privileges. Amateurs wishing to upgrade can do so by taking the needed written elements. The issue is not the written elements are too hard.

Amateurs from countries without a code requirement would be able operate in the US, and US amateurs would be able to operate in those countries. While the list of countries abolishing Morse Code as a licensing requirement is growing, the majority of countries are still requiring code.

I believe if the Element 1 exam is to be removed as a requirement, it be removed from the General only, as this proposal states. This is the least controversial proposal. I recommend this proposal be adopted.